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CHAPTER ONE

UGH, STEVEN, WE'VE BEEN WALKING FOR HOURS! CAN'T WE JUST SET UP HERE?

IT'S RIGHT AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...

I HATE TO AGREE, BUT THIS IS THE THIRD TIME WE'VE BEEN PAST THAT ROCK.

FOURTH TIME.

COME ON GUYS, WE'RE NEARLY--

AHA-- FOUND IT!

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSE FAMILY CAMPING GROUND! ME AND DAD COME HERE ALL THE TIME.

WELL, IT LOOKS A BIT LIKE THE OTHER SPOTS, BUT IT'S STILL NICE.

FWUMP

NOW WHAT?

NOW WE SET UP CAMP!

PEARL, YOU CAN BE IN CHARGE OF BUILDING THE TENT.

RIGHT!

GARNET, CAN YOU GET A FIRE STARTED? I'LL GO FIND SOME MORE FIREWOOD!

nod

HM.

AND AMETHYST, YOU CAN UNPACK THE FOOD IN THE PICNIC BASKET--

GAAAASP

--BUT DON'T EAT ANY! I'VE GOT BIG PLANS!

AWWHH...

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, GUYS!

HAHA, AMETHYST IS GONNA LOVE MAKING S'MORES.

YEOWCH!!

WHAT THE--? BROKEN GLASS?

THAT'S SO IRRESPONSIBLE! WHO LEFT THIS HERE? SOMEBODY COULD REALLY HURT THEMSELVES-- LIKE ME!

I'LL ASK GARNET TO CLEAN THIS UP LATER WITH HER GAUNTLETS. I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO GET HURT.

rub rub rub

HEY, GARNET! GOT THE FIREWOOD!

HMM...

HAAAAAA--

SHING!

FWOOM

HAAHH!

I DID IT.

G-GARNET! IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THAT BIG...

UH, GOOD JOB THOUGH, I GUESS? WE'LL SAVE THE EXTRA WOOD FOR LATER...

THERE, PERFECT!

H-HEY, PEARL, I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE...MAYBE SORTA HAD THE INSTRUCTIONS UPSIDE-DOWN?

THERE WERE INSTRUCTIONS??

I'LL JUST... LEAVE YOU TO IT, OKAY? HEY AMETHYST, DID YOU FIND THE--

=SIGH=

WELL, THAT'S OKAY TOO. I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN, SO I PACKED EXTRA!

EHEHEH, SORRY, DUDE. I GOT HUNGRY WAITING...

COME ON, GUYS, LET'S EAT!

...AND THAT'S HOW YOU MAKE A S'MORE!

LIKE THIS? AM I DOING IT??

I THINK I'LL PASS...

TELL US WHAT TO DO NEXT, STEVEN.

OH, OH!

NEXT IS MY FAVORITE PART! DAD IS REALLY GOOD AT THIS BIT. NOW IT'S TIME...

...FOR SCAAARY STORIES!

OOHHH...

I'LL START! A-HE-HEM-HEM...

LEGEND HAS IT, THAT ONE DARK NIGHT, RIGHT HERE IN BEACH CITY, A TEENAGER WAS BABYSITTING SOME KIDS...

"IT WAS GETTING LATE, AND THERE WAS STILL NO SIGN OF THE PARENTS.

RRRRRINNGGG!

"SUDDENLY! THE SILENCE WAS BROKEN WHEN THE PHONE RANG.

HELLO.

"SHE PICKED UP THE PHONE, EXPECTING A CALL FROM THE PARENTS EXPLAINING WHERE THEY WERE, BUT INSTEAD--

WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN, WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN?

click

"FREAKED OUT, SHE RUSHED TO THE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM--

"BUT WHEN SHE LOOKED IN, THE CHILDREN WERE FAST ASLEEP.

"CONFUSED, SHE WENT BACK DOWNSTAIRS, BUT...

RRRIINGG!

WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN, WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN?

IF THIS IS A PRANK, I'M NOT FALLING FOR IT!

click

"JUST IN CASE, SHE CHECKED AGAIN. STILL EVERYTHING WAS NORMAL.

WHERE ARE THE CHIL--

STOP CALLING ALREADY! THIS ISN'T FUNNY!

RRRING RRRIINGG!

SLAM!

"SHE SAT BACK DOWN, EXPECTING THE PHONE TO RING AGAIN ANY MOMENT, BUT INSTEAD...

"...THERE WAS ONLY SILENCE.

phew...

"BUT THE CALLER'S WORDS KEPT NAGGING AT HER...

"...AND WHEN SHE WENT TO CHECK ON THE CHILDREN THIS TIME--

"THEY WERE GONE."

THE END! WHAT DID YOU THINK?

THAT'S *IT?* YOU CAN'T END A STORY LIKE THAT! WHERE WERE THE KIDS?!

SURELY THE BABYSITTER WOULD HAVE HEARD SOMETHING. AND WHO WAS ON THE PHONE??

I SAW IT COMING.

IT'S A SCARY STORY! NOT KNOWING WHAT TO BE AFRAID OF IS WHAT MAKES IT SCARY!

WEREN'T YOU SCARED AT ALL??

SORRY, STEVEN...

NOPE.

WELL, WHAT *DOES* SCARE YOU? DO GEMS HAVE SCARY STORIES ON HOMEWORLD?

OH, WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT--

NOT ON HOMEWORLD.

BUT WE DO HAVE ONE HERE ON EARTH...

...THE STORY OF THE GLASS GHOST.

AW, JEEZ, NOT THAT AGAIN!

AMETHYST, YOU KNOW THIS ONE?

IT'S JUST SOME STUPID FAIRY TALE THEY MADE UP TO SCARE ME. GARNET AND PEARL USED TO TELL IT ALL THE TIME, BACK WHEN THEY FIRST FOUND ME.

I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING WE MADE IT UP-- THOUGH IT DID KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE.

UGH, WHATEVER.

I WANNA HEAR IT!

THE STORY GOES--

NO, NO, YOU GOTTA DO IT PROPERLY! WITH THE SCARY VOICE AND THE FLASHLIGHT!

OH YES, OF COURSE.

LONG AGO, ON THIS VERY PLANET, THERE WAS A YOUNG GEM...

"OLDER, MUCH WISER GEMS WERE ALWAYS WARNING HER NOT TO GO EXPLORING ON HER OWN.

THERE COULD BE HUMANS!

THERE COULD BE MONSTERS!

"BUT DESPITE THEIR WARNINGS, SHE OFTEN WENT WANDERING WITHOUT THEM.

I AIN'T SCARED A NOTHIN'!

"SHE NARROWLY AVOIDED HUMANS--

"--AND EVEN ENCOUNTERED CORRUPTED GEMS.

MOM! I SAW A PURPLE OWL!!

DON'T BE SILLY. OWLS CAN'T BE PURPLE.

"WITH EACH ADVENTURE HER CONFIDENCE GREW, AND SHE STRAYED FURTHER AND FURTHER FROM HOME.

"ONE DAY, AFTER A LONG JOURNEY, THE YOUNG GEM DECIDED TO TAKE A NAP.

IT JUST FEELS GOOD.

ZZZ...

"SHE WOKE UP HOURS LATER, IN A PITCH-BLACK FOREST.

WHERE THE HECK AM I?

"IN THE GLOOM OF NIGHT, SHE COULDN'T SEE WHICH WAY SHE'D COME FROM.

"BUT THERE IN THE DISTANCE WAS THE FAINTEST GLOW OF LIGHT.

AW YEAH, A WAY OUT!

"SHE HURRIED TOWARDS IT, BUT WHEN SHE ARRIVED--

H-HELLO??

HUUUUUUUUU

"SHE LOOKED UP AT THE CREATURE, EXPECTING TO FIND A CORRUPTED GEM--

"AND INSTEAD, FOUND NOTHING BUT A SHARD OF GLASS.

"SHE FROZE IN TERROR UNDER THE GHOST'S PIERCING GAZE, AND WHEN THE GHOST REACHED FOR HER--

AAAH!

"HEARING HER SCREAM IN TERROR, THE OTHER GEMS RUSHED TO FIND HER.

"BUT WHEN THEY ARRIVED...

"...THERE WAS ONLY A PILE OF BROKEN GLASS."

THE END! HOW WAS THAT?

S-STEVEN??

I'M NEVER GOING CAMPING AGAIN!!

DON'T WORRY, STEVEN. WE MADE IT ALL UP.

THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE GLASS GHOST.

HA! I KNEW IT! I WASN'T SCARED AT ALL.

THE FIRST TIME WE TOLD HER THAT STORY, SHE WOULDN'T GO NEAR THE WOODS FOR A YEAR.

HEY!

IT'S GETTING LATE, STEVEN, IS THIS THE PART WHERE WE SLEEP IN BAGS?

OH, YEAH!

NOT THAT I'M GOING TO SLEEP TONIGHT...

I'M TAKING THE TENT!!

I'LL BE SAFE IN THERE...

OH, THIS IS NICE! THE STARS ARE OUT.

GOODNIGHT, STEVEN. WE'LL BE RIGHT NEXT TO YOU IF YOU NEED US.

THANKS GUYS. GOODNIGHT!

IT'S JUST ODD HUMANS WOULD BUILD HOMES, ONLY TO GO BACK TO SLEEPING OUTSIDE.

clink..clink

WELL, I LIKE THE SLEEPING BAG. IT'S LIKE A HUG FOR YOUR WHOLE BODY.

HMNN... WHUH??

clink tink

...WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

I SUPPOSE THAT IS NICE...

ZZZZZZ...

tink clink

clink

HELLO? IS SOMEBODY THERE?

clink, tink

Hhhhhhhhhh...

CHAPTER TWO

AAAAAAAAAAHHH

STEVEN!

HWUUHH?

SHING!

OOF!

WE'RE COMING, STEVEN!

AAAHHHH!

DON'T TURN ME INTO GLASS!

STEVEN, WHAT'S--

--WRONG?

Phew

HUH?

HUH?

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU *DOING* OUT HERE?

I SAW IT! TH-THE GLASS GHOST WAS HERE! FROM THE STORY!

YOU WERE *SLEEP-WALKING.*

NO! I REALLY SAW IT, I SWEAR!

HUH?

OH, STEVEN, WE ALREADY TOLD YOU--THERE *IS* NO GLASS GHOST.

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN DREAMING.

THAT, OR YOU SAW A VERY SHINY ANIMAL.

HAHA, MAYBE. BUT-- IT SEEMED SO *REAL*...

OHH, I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD YOU THAT STORY! IT TOOK AMETHYST CENTURIES TO GET OVER IT!

ENOUGH OF THIS STUPID GHOST, ALREADY!

LET'S JUST GO HOME.

WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?

Hmmmmmmmm...

M-MAYBE I'LL USE A MUG INSTEAD.

AFTER ALL, IT SURE IS *HANDY* TO HAVE A *HANDLE*... HEH...

tink

WHOA, THERE! WEATHER S-SURE LOOKS NICE OUT THE WINDOW...

AAAHHH!

COME ON, STEVEN, THOSE ARE JUST *SUNGLASSES!*

THE *TV'S* MADE WITH GLASS, AND IT'S ONE OF MY CLOSEST *FRIENDS!*

MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING GOOD ON...

AHH...

--TO THE BEACH CITY SHOPPING CHANNEL! HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU, FOLKS!

CALL NOW! ONLY $49.99 EACH!

THIS SET OF GLASS FIGURINES IS HALF PRICE TODAY ONLY!

MADE WITH GENUINE SWISS CRYSTAL, THESE BABIES ARE SURE TO BRIGHTEN UP ANY GLASS COLLECTOR'S HOME!

CALL FREE ON 1-SHOP-PING!

BUT HURRY! WE'RE ALREADY SELLING OUT FA--WHOA, NO NO NO!

CRASHH

AWH, MAN, THERE'S GLASS EVERYWHERE! D-DON'T WORRY FOLKS, STILL PLENTY OF STOCK LEFT FOR ALL OF YOU AT HOME--

AAAAAAGGHHH!

I CAN'T TAKE THIS!

STEVEN, ARE YOU SCREAMING AGAIN?

grumble grumble

HONESTLY, IF I'D KNOWN THAT STORY WOULD HAVE THIS EFFECT ON YOU...

NOW LISTEN, ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT GLASS ISN'T EVEN THE SAME THING AS A GEM, *THERE ARE NO GHOSTS!*

WHEN A GEM'S FORM IS DAMAGED, WE *POOF*, RIGHT? AND WHEN OUR GEMS ARE SHATTERED, WE CEASE TO EXIST ALTOGETHER. THEREFORE, THERE SIMPLY ***CAN'T*** BE A GLASS GHOST--IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

THEN WHAT IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT ***SEEMS*** LIKE A GHOST?

WHAT?

WHAT IF IT'S SOME KIND OF GEM MUTANT, OR GLASS MONSTER, OR SOMETHING TOTALLY NEW?!

I DON'T KNOW, STEVEN...

I THINK I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT!

KNOCK KNOCK!

RONALDO? ARE YOU IN THERE?

WHO DISTURBS M--

OH, HEY, STEVEN!

IS THIS GOING TO TAKE LONG? I'M PRETTY BUSY ARGUING WITH A GUY ON A VAMPIRE FORUM, SOOO...

UH, WELL, YOU LIKE PARANORMAL STUFF RIGHT? I WAS KIND OF HOPING FOR SOME ADVICE--

THE PARANORMAL YOU SAY?! WELL COME ON IN AND TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT!

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE VAMPIRE?

...AND SO, I THOUGHT I SAW THE GLASS GHOST, BUT IT WAS PROBABLY JUST A DREAM, RIGHT?

G-GHOSTS DON'T EXIST, R-RIGHT?

GHOSTS ARE *TOTALLY* REAL! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SAW ONE, THAT'S *SO COOL!*

ACTUALLY, THAT'S THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE OF WHAT I WANTED YOU TO SAY.

OH, YOU POOR FOOL. ANOTHER CHILD TAKEN IN BY THE MEDIA'S SUPERNATURAL SUPPRESSION!

I BET YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT THERE'S MORE THAN ONE KIND OF GHOST, DO YOU?

THERE ARE?

GHOSTS

I SEE A LITTLE LESSON IS IN ORDER HERE!

FIRST, YOU'VE GOT YOUR REGULAR GHOST, USUALLY JUST A LOST SPIRIT LOOKING FOR HELP FINDING PEACE--

--THEN OF COURSE THERE'S THE POLTERGEIST. THEY'RE THE TROUBLEMAKERS, THEY BREAK STUFF ALL THE TIME.

AND WE CAN'T FORGET ORBS, THOSE ARE MORE LIKE LEFTOVER ENERGIES FROM THE DECEASED--

WAIT, WAIT, SO WHAT KIND OF GHOST DID I SEE?

HMM...

WAS IT A FLOATING BALL OF LIGHT?
NO, KIND OF PERSON-SHAPED?
DID IT BREAK ANYTHING?
NOT THAT I SAW...
DID IT SPEAK TO YOU IN A SPOOKY VOICE?
NOPE.
WAS IT SOLID?
I-IT DIDN'T TOUCH ME...
WELL, I CAN DEFINITIVELY SAY--
--THAT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS.
I KNOW! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE ME TO WHERE YOU SAW IT? IF I SEE IT UP CLOSE I'LL KNOW FOR SURE WHAT IT IS!
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S SUCH A GOOD IDEA...
COME ON, STEVEN! WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP IT FIND PEACE AGAIN!
POOR TROUBLED SOUL, DOOMED TO WANDER THIS MORTAL PLANE FOREVER!
...DO YOU REALLY THINK WE COULD HELP IT?

OF COURSE! SO IT'S SETTLED, THEN! MEET ME ON THE BEACH IN THE EVENING! I MUST...

...PREPARE.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO AT NIGHT?!

H-HEY, DON'T YOU THINK THIS FOG IS KIND OF OMINOUS? THIS REALLY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A GOOD PLAN ANYMORE...

NO WAY! IT'S *ATMOSPHERIC.*

JUST REMEMBER THE HORROR MOVIE RULE, STEVEN. NEVER GET SEPARATED FROM THE GROUP!

OH HEY, WHAT'S THAT?

RONALDO!

JEEZ, TAKE YOUR OWN ADVICE...

STEVEN, LOOK AT ALL THIS! THERE'S A WHOLE TRAIL OF IT!

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...THERE *WAS* GLASS BY THE CAMPSITE...

COME ON!

AHHH, STOP RUNNING!

I'VE ONLY GOT LITTLE LEGS...

...RONALDO?

RONALDO? WHERE DID YOU GO?

ROOONAAALDOOO!

CAN YOU HEAR ME?!

AAAHHHHHHHH!

STEVEN, HELP ME!

AW NO, AW NO!

STEVEN!

GET--

--OFF OF HIM!

YEAH! CRITICAL... HIT?

SHHHAAAA

STEVEN, IT'S OKAY! IT JUST--

RONALDO!

WHAT DID YOU *DO* TO HIM?!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

AAAA

WHAAAA!

WHUH?

HURK!

OOF!

WHAT THE...?

AMETHYST?

CHAPTER THREE

AMETHYST! HOW DID YOU FIND US?

I *KNEW* THE STUPID GHOST WAS REAL! I WAS OUT HERE LOOKING FOR IT MYSELF WHEN I HEARD YOU GUYS SCREAMING.

HUUUUUU

tink clink

AAAHHH! TELL ME YOU HAVE A PLAN HERE!

HUP!

HEY, GHOST!

I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU!

SHOOP

...

OKAY, I'M SCARED, I'M DEFINITELY SCARED!

WAS THAT YOUR PLAN?!

HUUUUUUUU

YEAH?! WELL WHAT'S *YOUR* PLAN, *HUH?!*

JUST GRAB RONALDO AND *RUN!*

AAAAAAAHHHHH!!

PHEW...

WELL, I THINK WE LOST THE GHOST...

HEY, AMETHYST... I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE IN THE GLASS GHOST?

I DON'T! I MEAN-- *UGH*, I DON'T KNOW. NOT THE WAY PEARL AND GARNET TELL IT, ANYWAY.

BUT ONE TIME, AFTER I GOT INTO SOME REAL BIG TROUBLE, ROSE TOLD ME THE STORY.

"THE WAY SHE TOLD IT, IT SOUNDED LIKE SHE'D REALLY HAD SEEN IT. LATER SHE TRIED TO LAUGH IT OFF AS A JOKE, BUT...I GUESS I NEVER STOPPED BELIEVING IT."

WHAT DID--

STEVEN!

STEVEN, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?! AMETHYST! WHAT IS--

...THAT?

THE GLASS GHOST DID IT! YOU KNOW, THE ONE IN YOUR "SCARY STORY"?

WHAT? BUT HOW?

WHEW...

IS RONALDO GOING TO BE OKAY?

UHHH.

I'LL HANDLE THIS.

GARNET, THE STORY!

WHAT IF HE BREAKS?!

NO!

RIGHT. SORRY.

OH, OH, MAYBE WE CAN MELT IT OFF!

IT'S NOT ICE, AMETHYST. THE MELTING TEMPERATURE OF GLASS WOULD KILL A HUMAN.

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? HOW AM I GONNA TELL PEEDEE?

AAAAAAHHHHH

OH NO, THAT SOUNDS LIKE IT CAME FROM THE BOARDWALK!

Beach Citywalk

FRIED

PIZZA

LOOKS LIKE THE GHOST FOUND HIM FIRST.

DON'T WORRY, SOUR CREAM, WE'LL FIND A WAY TO GET YOU OUT OF THERE, I PROMISE.

STEVEN, BE CAREFUL!

LOOK AT THIS, IT'S EVERYWHERE. YOU'LL CUT YOURSELF!

WE REALLY NEED TO GET YOU SOME MORE PRACTICAL FOOTWEAR...

GUYS, LOOK! THERE'S A WHOLE TRAIL OF GLASS!

AAAIIEEE

AND I THINK WE'LL FIND THAT PERSON SCREAMING AT THE END OF IT!

PIZZA

PIZZA

NOT AGAIN!

THERE'S EVEN MORE OF THEM IN HERE.

...HUH?

IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE! IN THE STORY, IT ONLY WENT AFTER GEMS. WHY IS THE GHOST ATTACKING HUMANS?

RONALDO THOUGHT IT MUST BE A LOST SPIRIT LOOKING FOR SOMETHING! MAYBE IF WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT IT WANTS--

AAAHHHHHH

AAAIIEEEIIEEIIEEE

AGGGHHHH

THERE'S NO TIME TO FIND OUT!

GEMS, HURRY!

EAT A BIG Donut

=SIGH= TOO LATE HERE, TOO.

HEY, GUYS--

--DOESN'T SADIE LOOK KIND OF WEIRD TO YOU?

I DUNNO, SHE LOOKS LIKE A HUMAN TO ME.

NO, NO, IT'S HER POSE. WHY WOULD SHE BE STANDING LIKE THAT WHEN SHE'S SEEN A GHOST?

IT WON'T MATTER *WHAT* THEY LOOK LIKE UNLESS WE CAN GET THEM OUT OF THIS GLASS.

SOMEBODY HELP ME!

NO! THAT SOUNDS LIKE--

DAAAD!

STEVEN, WAIT!

BIG DONUT

AAAAAHHH!

HEEEELP!

WHAT--? IT'S COMING FROM MORE THAN ONE DIRECTION NOW?!

WHAT DO WE DO?

STEVEN CAN HANDLE HIMSELF. WE'LL CATCH UP LATER!

RIGHT!

Wash

UNIVERSE

:HUFF:

:HUFF:

:HUFF:

:HUFF:

DAD! DAD, WHERE ARE YOU?!

HELLO?

BANG

...DAD? ARE YOU IN HERE?

click click click

COME ON, COME ON!

RATTLE RATTLE

D-DAD?

CRNCH

OH, NO...IF THAT'S GLASS, THEN--

RATTA-RATTA-RATTLE

=GULP=

AAHHHHH!

AAAGGGHHH!

DAD?

JEEZ, KIDDO, DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!

Y-YOU'RE OKAY!

HUH? OH, YEAH! DID YOU HEAR ME SHOUTING FOR HELP?

ONE OF THE BULBS WENT AND TOOK OUT THE ELECTRICITY WITH IT, SO I WAS CHECKING THE FUSE BOX.

BUT THEN THE DOOR CLOSED AND I, *UH*, KINDA GOT STUCK IN THIS CLOSET. IT ONLY OPENS FROM THE OUTSIDE... *HEH.*

PHEW...SO THAT GLASS WAS JUST A BROKEN LIGHTBULB?

YUP, AND THERE'S THE FUSE THAT'S GONE! JUST GOTTA FLIP A SWITCH, AND--

G-GH-G-GH--!

HUH?

G-GHOST!

HHHHHHHHHH

WAAAHHHHH!

DAD, GET DOWN!

OOF!

WHOA!

WHOA!

SLAM

HUUUUUUUUUU

AAAAHHH!

I'M ALL OUT OF TOOLS! WHAT DO WE DO?!

STAY--

--BACK!

CRACK

WHUH?

SKKKRREEEE

MY BUBBLE... WORKED?

STEVEN! WHAT THE HECK *WAS* THAT THING?!

YOU KNOW, DAD...I'M NOT REALLY SURE ANYMORE.

CHAPTER FOUR

AW, JEEZ, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THIS WALL? NO WAY INSURANCE IS GONNA COVER THIS!

COME ON, IT'S NOT THAT BAD! I'M SURE THE GEMS WILL HELP YOU FIX IT.

STEVEN! WE HEARD YOU YELLING!

ARE YOU OKAY, DUDE?

CRASH

W-WE'RE FINE, GUYS.

MY...MY WALL...

OH, WHOOPS. SORRY, GREG.

WE'LL HELP YOU FIX IT LATER.

ALL THIS GLASS! WAS THE GHOST HERE? DID IT TOUCH YOU? ARE YOU HURT?

I'M OKAY! IT WAS HERE, BUT MY BUBBLE PUSHED IT BACK SOMEHOW!

...MY WALL...

WHAT? EVEN THOUGH YOUR SHIELD DIDN'T WORK?

YEAH, I THINK I JUST CAUGHT IT OFF GUARD, BUT THEN IT PHASED THROUGH THE WALL AND GOT AWAY... DID YOU GUYS FIND ANYTHING?

JUST MORE HUMANS STUCK IN GLASS.

HMM. SO THE GHOST IS SOLID ENOUGH TO TOUCH THINGS AND CRASH INTO WALLS, BUT HOLLOW ENOUGH TO GO THROUGH THEM TOO.

WHICH WOULD IMPLY IT HAS SOME CONTROL OVER ITS DENSITY...IF WE CAN JUST CATCH IT WHEN IT'S SOLID, MAYBE WE COULD GET A FEW HITS IN AND TAKE THIS THING DOWN.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

WELL, OUR FRIENDLY GHOST LEFT US A TRAIL AGAIN...

COME ON, GEMS. IT'S TIME TO END THIS.

AWWW, YEAHH!

BACK TO THE FOREST, *HUH?*

SHH--WE NEED TO CATCH IT BY SURPRISE.

I'M GONNA GET ME AN AERIAL VIEW!

SSSHH! FINE, JUST DO IT QUIETLY!

flap flap flap

EEAASSYYY NOWW...

YEAH! STEALTH MODE!

HUH?

GUYS! GUYS, THERE IT IS!

WHAT... WHAT IS IT *DOING?*

YOU FOUND IT! GOOD JOB, STEVEN!

NOW, GET READY--

WHAT IS SHE--AMETHYST, STOP!

HHRRAGGGGHHHHHH!

YEAH! SURPRISE AERIAL ATTACK!

SLAM

IT ACTUALLY WORKED!

AMETHYST, DON'T DO IT!

NOW TO FINISH YOU OFF ONCE AND FOR ALL!

OOF!

CRACK

UGHHH... THAT'S NOT GOOD...

=HRRK=

AMETHYST!

LOOKS LIKE THAT STORY WAS TRUE AFTER ALL.

WHOOPS...

GARNET, WATCH OUT!

INCOMING!

GOT YOU!

GARNET, GET OUT OF THERE!

I'M STUCK!

SLAM

WE DID IT! GARNET, ARE YOU--

NO, NO, NOT YOU TOO... COME ON, GARNET, GET OUT OF THERE! PLEASE!

STEVEN, CALM DOWN! WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER IF WE'RE GOING TO--

HHRK!

PEARL!

CRASH

OOF... THAT HURT...

PEARL, I'M SORRY! I--

SHH, IT'S OKAY, STEVEN.

YOU CAN BEAT THIS THING.

THE FLOWER...

YOU... CAN'T CONTROL YOUR POWERS, CAN YOU?

I BET IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO TOUCH SOMETHING WITHOUT TURNING IT INTO GLASS.

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN UNHAPPY FOR SO LONG. I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE BEING UNABLE TO HUG MY FRIENDS...I'M SO SORRY...

BUT IT'S OKAY NOW.

YOU CAN HOLD ME. YOU CAN HOLD THIS BUBBLE. I'LL BE SAFE, I PROMISE.

NNNGH

SIGH

CRRREEEAAKK

HEY, WAIT! W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

NO, STOP SQUEEZING! I CAN'T HOLD IT! IT'S GONNA--

POOF

tink

:GASP:

YOU...
...YOU POOFED?

STEVEN!

WHAT HAPPENED? IS IT OVER?

IT'S OVER. SHE POOFED HERSELF.

THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE SAFE!

YOU DID IT, STEVEN!

SO IT REALLY *WAS* A GEM. OH STEVEN, I'M SO SORRY FOR DOUBTING YOU.

I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE LIKE THIS BEFORE.

CORRUPTION CAN DO STRANGE THINGS TO A GEM. AND *STORIES* CAN DO STRANGE THINGS TO YOUR MIND.

HOME SWEET HOME! YOU'LL BE SAFE IN HERE, FRIEND.

A GEM WITH THE ABILITY TO PASS THROUGH OBJECTS, HOW RARE!

TO RETAIN THAT POWER WITH A GEM THIS BROKEN...

IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN AWFULLY STRONG GEM. LIKE A QUARTZ!

LIKE ME!

AND, WHAT DID WE TELL YOU? THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS GHOSTS!

BOO!

AAAAHHH!

SHING

AHAHAHA, I GOT YOU GUYS GOOD!

AMETHYST! IS THAT REALLY APPROPRIATE RIGHT NOW?!

LET'S CALL IT PAYBACK FOR ALL THE TIMES YOU SCARED ME WITH THAT STORY.

UGH...

THAT'S FAIR.

COME ON, GUYS, LET'S GO WATCH A MOVIE OR SOMETHING. I THINK WE DESERVE IT!

BUUUT MAYBE NO MOVIES ABOUT GHOSTS FOR A WHILE, OKAY?

WHAT ABOUT VAMPIRES?

AND MUMMIES.

OH, OH! OR FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER!

...YOU ...DON'T HAVE ANY GEM STORIES ABOUT THOSE... DO YOU?

WEEEEELL...

GUYS? G-GUYS?

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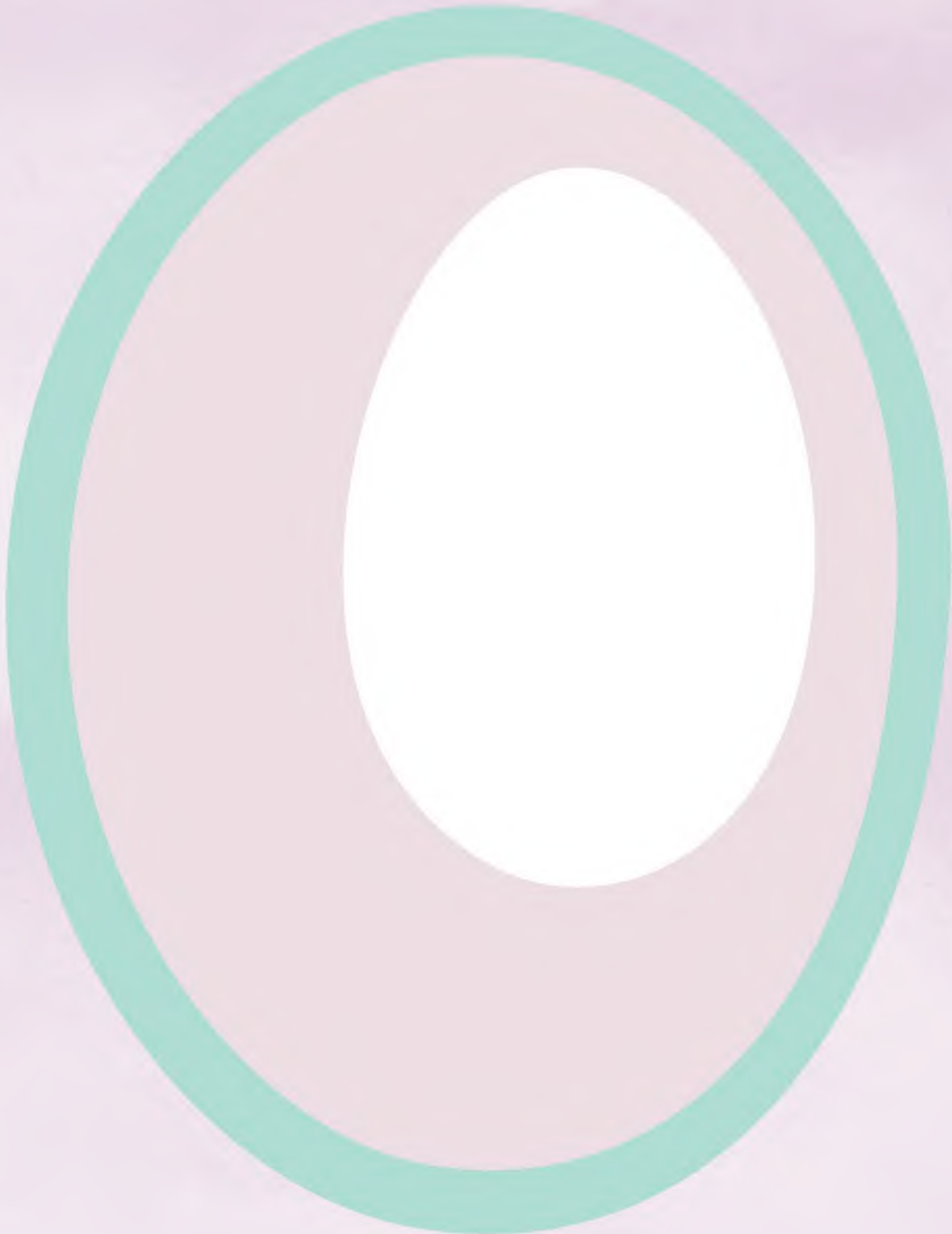

BACK TO BEACH CITY

Steven Universe takes the Gems out for a camping trip and tells them spooky stories around the campfire. Pearl, Garnet, and Amethyst don't give him much of a reaction, but they do tell him a spooky story of their own about a monster who turns bad Gems into glass and shatters them. Pearl assures a terrified Steven that it's just a story, but suddenly people around Beach City start turning up frozen in glass...

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